

COLLIEWOBBLES AGILITY

May Newsletter

Before we start, on behalf of everyone at Colliewobbles, I just want to say:

THANK YOU!

to everyone that has attended the displays that Colliewobbles have been invited to recently. The weather on both days was dodgy, but the sun did make an appearance in the afternoon, so that was great! Both of the displays were carried out to raise money. Lackham Dog Show raised approximately £800 for the Blue Cross and the PDSA and Dursley School Fete raised an incredible £1000 so thank you! You all look fantastic in your purple shirts!!

Keep your eye out on the Colliewobbles website (www.colliewobblesagility.org.uk) for pictures and video links to the event!!

Results of the April Course Nights are as follows:

Sunday	6pm class – Rebecca with Beth (Springer Spaniel)
	7pm class – Kirsty with Amber (Collie)
	8pm class – Caroline with Phoebe (Jack Russell)
Thursday	7pm class – Ros with Kai (Collie)
	8pm class – Ros with Tia (Chesapeake Bay Retriever) = Well done Ros!!

Nearly all of the dogs in the club are now measured, thanks to Marie and Tracey from Caerphilly who came up to measure dogs on Thursday 10th May. This means that all measured dogs can now enter Kennel Club shows legally! There will be no stopping you now!!

Future events!

The next display will take place at Hartpury College on Saturday 2nd June. It will be similar to last year, Colliewobbles will be attending Hartpury's annual Open Day, from approximately 10 – 4pm. Please can you put it in your diaries as it is always a great event for all of the family! Monies raised from this event will go to the entering the Colliewobbles YKC teams. Further details to follow.... I will be bringing the agility equipment up to the college on the Friday before (1st) and Hartpury have agreed that we can have a practice session in the ring on that evening, so if you're free on this evening, you would be more than welcome to come along (free of course!). Times etc to follow.....

The first YKC (Young Kennel Club) event will be taking place on Saturday 16th June at the Golden Valley Show near Worcester. All of the juniors are entered and rearing to go! If you are not going to the show on this day, and have an empty space in your diary, all support will be gratefully received!

Shows!

Sat/Sun 2nd/3rd June – Wye Valley Agility Show @ Monmouth (Hartpury on Saturday....)
Saturday/Sunday 16th/17th June – Golden Valley @ Worcester (YKC events on the Saturday)

Sunday 1st July – Chippenham Agility Show (with juniors qualifiers) – hopefully all juniors to be entered for this show – closing date 9th June (juniors, please add the team event on your entry form – class 19)

Saturday/Sunday 7th/8th July – Tuffley Agility Show @ Berkeley Castle

Sunday 15th July – Bincknoll Agility Show, near Malmesbury

Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd July – Caerphilly Agility Show, near Caerphilly

Remember, most shows you need to enter before hand (normally two months before the show itself), so if you are interested in attending any of the shows, please just let Gary and I know and we can help you do the entries, or for more details, visit www.agilitynet.co.uk / www.agilityeye.co.uk for a schedule and entry form.

Training News:

We will be going outside from next week (w/c 27th May), and hopefully the weather and light will remain on our side!! Like last year, if you drive into the bottom field as last year you should be able to park nearby – we are in a slightly different place to last year, but in the same area). I plan to keep the times the same (Sunday 6-7.15, 7.15-8.15, 8.15-9.15pm and Thursday 7-8.15, 8.15-9.15pm).

We still have a Bank Holiday around the corner, so next week will be training on Tuesday (29th May instead of Sunday 27th). This will be the same for the following week (sorry!) as Gary is judging up north on the Sunday, so we will not be back in time, so we will be training on Tuesday 5th instead of the 3rd June. Again, I appreciate that you all may have other commitments on a Tuesday, but this is the only available option other than cancelling training on these weeks – please let me know your thoughts. Please put these dates in your diaries!!!

Next course night, week commencing 17th June – hopefully we'll have rosettes by this time!

Other notices.....

Good luck to everyone who is competing at shows over the next couple of months. Just remember, it's a learning curve for ourselves and the dogs.... Even the top handlers and dogs go wrong!!! Special good luck wishes go to the juniors at Golden Valley Show on Saturday 16th June. We are fortunate to have three teams of five dogs to represent the club and to show the oldies exactly how to do it! Remember, please don't think of it as pressure, just enjoy it!!! If any of the juniors have any problems getting to the show, please let me know as I can always fit you in!! Further details of where and when we will meet on the day of the show (to all go up together) will follow....

Also, best of luck to all of the juniors that will be taking their exams in the next few months. Remember, as long as you do your best, no one can ask anymore of you.

As normal, if anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me. I know it is difficult to talk during training, but I am always (nearly always!) available on the phone (07779 015965) or via email (willre@wiltscoll.ac.uk)

Happy Fun!

Rachx